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Subject: Study Plans

Kamyar,

At the last AC meeting on August 29, Jonas Minton suggested to the AC that DWR staff start drafting two regional study plans. By starting with two regional draft study plans rather than all eleven regional plans, staff will be able to evaluate the study plan process and test the computer models for accuracy and confidence levels. Jonas also suggested that the two study plans be for a region with substantial water data and the other be for a region with less available data. He further suggested that the regions for the initial Study Plans might be the South Coast and the San Joaquin Valley (I think he meant the San Joaquin River region). The AC, in general, was in concurrence with Jonas suggestion. During the comment period, a suggestion was made, by an AC member, that if the San Joaquin River region does not have the required data, fictitious data be inputted to adequately test the study plan process.

I believe that the Jonas suggestion has lots of merit. It makes sense to prepare a two study plan drafts for evaluation by the AC before staff resources are committed to all eleven regional plans. The new Ca Water Plan model will also be tested during this initial study plan process. I am also gratified that Jonas suggested the San Joaquin River region as one of the two trial regions. The advantages of being first include greater opportunity to review data inputs and results. However, I do not agree that fictitious or manufacture data should be used for testing purposed even when such data

would later be substituted with real data. If a region does not have complete data to for the computer models, then the models should not be used or they should be modified to handle the available data. Including fictitious data in a region would defeat the purpose of testing the study plan process for all existing and potential possibilities within regions. Also, I would be concerned with results that would not realistically characterize a particular region. Initial perceptions real or fictitious are hard to change.

Other than MID staff, I am sending this email only to you. I have no problem if you wish to forward or share it with others.

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